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The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nationwide federally mandated protection and advocacy (P&A) system. ADAP's mission is to provide quality, legally based advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities in order to protect, promote and expand their rights.

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ADAP Demands End to Segregated Subminimum-Wage Workshops

Calling them exploitive, isolating, and cost-inefficient, ADAP has called for Alabama to phase-out public support for segregated sheltered workshops for persons with disabilities and to enact "Employment First" policies that support employment in the general workforce as the first and preferred employment outcome for people with any type of disability.

This is the chief recommendation in a report released on Dec. 9 by ADAP titled *It's My Job: It's My Life: Employment First for Alabamians with Disabilities*.

Through personal stories, this report demonstrates that individuals with disabilities, including those with the most significant disabilities, can - with appropriate support - achieve gainful employment in the regular labor market.

The report offers cost-efficient, proven policy steps that can be taken to improve employment opportunities for Alabamians with disabilities so they can better achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

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